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6-17th Cavalry Regiment begins deployment to South Korea

YONGSAN GARRISON - The Department of the Army has approved the rotational deployment of the 6th Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment from Fort Wainwright, Alaska, to Camp Humphreys, South Korea within the month of June.

The 6-17th Cavalry is the third U.S. Army rotational unit to deploy to South Korea for a nine-month tour.

The regiment brings approximately 360 Soldiers to replace the 4th Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment upon completion of its rotation.

The 4-6th Cavalry Regiment is scheduled to return to Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., over the next couple of months.

A trained and combat ready force, the 6-17th Cavalry Regiment will provide crews and support for 30 OH-58D Kiowa Warrior helicopters at Camp Humphreys in Pyongtaek, South Korea. The squadron will return to Fort Wainwright, Alaska, upon completion of its nine-month rotation.

U.S. Army Pacific routinely schedules and deploys forces on a rotational basis to South Korea. These routine deployments support the U.S. security commitment to South Korea as specified by our mutual defense treaty and presidential agreements. They are also designed to meet the U.S. National Security Strategy imperative to support our strong and capable partners in the Asia-Pacific region.

The South Korea-U.S. Alliance remains committed to peace and prosperity on the Korean Peninsula and throughout the Asia-Pacific region. The U.S. will maintain the same level of commitment now and in the future on the Korean Peninsula, in order to deter aggression and defend against external threats.